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Application of: Barbosa *et al.*

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For: MARKERS FOR EVALUATING
ESTROGENIC ACTIVITY

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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SIR:

In response to the Final Office action dated October 21, 2003 and in accordance with Rule 116 of the Rules of Practice, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks intended to put all pending claims into form for allowance.

Applicants also submit herewith in connection with the instant application: (1) a Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for a period of two months from January 21, 2004 up to and including March 21, 2004, accompanied by the appropriate fee; and (2) a Notice of Appeal, also accompanied by the necessary fee. Applicants note that because March 21, 2004 falls on a Sunday, the present Response and accompanying papers will be filed on the next succeeding business day, which is Monday, March 22, 2004 pursuant to MPEP § 505. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge all required fees to Jones Day Deposit Account No. 503013.

Amendments to the Claims are represented by the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.